

The June 19, 2018, meeting opened at 4:00. Present were Marj Wexler (Chair), Corinna Barnard, Emily Eyre, Robin Goldberg, Juliette Haas, and Pat Konecky.

Minutes of the 4/17/18 meeting were approved.

Berkshire Edge articles: Juliette's "waste line" (trash) article will be in July/August, after the data come in. Corinna will write about the bottles & cans collection. Perhaps no June/July article. Juliette has a checklist from Mass Power Forward (www.mapowerforward.com/), which reveals that our status as a 100% renewable energy community is very solid. However, hitting the remaining targets is harder. This will make a great article.

Muddy Brook cafeteria trash: In the fall/winter, Molly de St André & Marj will visit Undermountain School, where Juliette helped set recycling in motion some years ago. We'll get an update there and see what can be applied to Muddy Brook.

Redeemable bottles and cans: May collections went to Mary Brazie's 4H group. June collections will go to the 4Hers and to non-profits chosen by the active volunteers. Friends of Prospect Lake will take July, but it's doubtful they would want August, too.

It's difficult to let this project go, Corinna will research whether someone could solve the problem of getting volunteers. She wants to find a positive angle from our experience, and perhaps a person or a philanthropy could help. (Not Zero Waste – their interest is reducing trash in general.)

Sustainability Coordinator: Juliette was able to check off 23 items on the checklist from Mass Power Forward (see above). The remaining items are harder goals. From the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program, Juliette applied for a grant for mattress recycling. If we get the grant, the state will supply the dumpster, and we will get 2 years of free hauling and disposal. (All parts recycled.)

Follow-ups:

- Oriana Reilly: We'll follow MassGreenNetwork for info.
- Robin called the Cary Institute (CT) about their tick project. More info to come.
- Styrofoam recycling: Bill T. Wood says he could fill a pickup truck each day—too much for individuals to take in cars to Palmer. On the bright side, it's light, but we're disappointed.

Other matters:

- Susan Bachelder has resigned, as her NYC commitment is taking all her time. We appreciate her being a founding member and her many years of participation, and we'll send a card of thanks.
- Pat will research the feasibility of siting public EV stations in Egremont.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 24, 4:00 PM. This meeting will be on the Mass Power Forward checklist only.

Submitted by Marj Wexler, Sec'y